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Translation of the pertinent portions of an International Search Report and the Written Notification from the International Searching Authority, mailed 09/03/2004

This International Search Report comprises a total of six pages. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

4. Regarding the title of the invention
the wording filed by Applicant is approved.
5. Regarding the abstract
the wording has been determined by the Office in accordance with Rule 38.2b) in the version shown in Field IV [and as it appears on the cover page of the published PCT application]
6. Fig. 20, as selected by the Office, is to be published with the abstract, since Applicant has not suggested a drawing figure.

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WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AUTHORITY

This notification contains information regarding
the following items:

Field I Basis of the Report

Field II Priority

Field V Reasoned Determination under Rule 43bis. 1(a)(i)

Field I Basis of the Report

1. Regarding the **language**, the notification was
prepared on the basis of the international application in
the language in which the latter was filed, if nothing
different is stated under this item.

Field II Priority

1. X The following document has not yet been filed:

X copy of the earlier application whose priority
is being claimed.

Field V Reasoned Determination under Rule 43bis. 1(a)(i)

1. Determination

Novelty	Yes: Claims 1 to 47
	No: Claims

Inventive Activities	Yes: Claims
	No: Claims 1 to 47

Commercial Applicability	Yes: Claims 1 to 47
	No: Claims

2. Documents and Explanations:

see the attached sheet

SHEET ATTACHED TO THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

Re.: Item V

1. Reference is made in the instant notification regarding the following documents:

D1: USP 5,503,379
D2: USP 5,303,909

2. CLARITY

2.1 Claim 40 contains all characteristics of claim 1 and therefore is a dependent claim (Rule 6.4 PCT).

Therefore claim 40 should be worded as depending from claim 1.

3. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

3.1 The present invention does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject of claim 1 is not based on inventive activities within the meaning of Article 33(3) PCT.

3.1.1 Document D1 is considered to be the closest art in respect to the subject of claim 1. It discloses (the references in parentheses refer to this document):

a web-fed rotary printing press (claim 1) with at least one printing unit for imprinting a web and a folding apparatus (8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18), wherein a transport cylinder (9) of the folding apparatus is designed with a circumference for receiving **seven** (column 3, lines 42 to 46) sectional lengths of the printed product arranged one behind the other in the circumferential direction.

3.1.2 Therefore the subject of claim 1 differs from the web-fed rotary printing press known from D1 in that the printing unit is provided for imprinting **six** printed pages arranged axially side-by-side.

3.1.3 Therefore the object to be attained by means of the present invention can be seen to lie in dependably assuring large actuating movements (cutting, holding, folding) at high production speeds.

3.1.4 The attainment proposed in claim 1 of the instant application cannot be considered as inventive for the following reasons (Article 33(3) PCT):

The characteristic "with **six** printed pages arranged axially side-by-side" had already been used for the same purpose in a similar web-fed rotary printing press, see document D2 in this connection, in particular column 2, lines 28 to 41. If one skilled in the art intends to achieve the same purpose in connection with a web-fed rotary printing press in accordance with document D1, it is easily possible for him to apply the characteristics known from D2 to the subject of D1. In this way he would arrive without inventive activities at a web-fed rotary printing press with a printing unit for imprinting a web with **six** printed pages arranged axially side-by-side in accordance with claim 1.

4. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 to 47

4.1 Claims 2 to 47 do not contain any characteristics which, in combination with the characteristics of any claim from which they depend, meet the requirements of PCT in regard to novelty or inventive activities (see the corresponding information in the search report). All of these characteristics are known "per se" or are a part of the prior art and have already been used for the same purpose (see the corresponding citations in the international search report). Incidentally, these characteristics merely relate to structural embodiments which attain the independent object without any surprising effects resulting from their combination.